

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to method of inspecting a display device substrate, classified in class 324, subclass 770;

Group II, claims 5-10, drawn to method of inspecting a display device substrate, classified in class 324, subclass 770; and

Group III, claims 11-14, drawn to apparatus for inspecting a display device substrate, classified in class 324, subclass 770; and

Group IV, claims 15-22, drawn to apparatus for inspecting a display device substrate, classified in class 324, subclass 770.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants provisional elect, with traverse, Group III, claims 11-14.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement for the following reasons.

First, all the invention groups I-IV are classified in class 324, subclass 770. Thus, they are examinable together without

placing undue burden on the Examiner since the Examiner will search the same search area for all these invention groups as indicated by their same classification.

Second, the elected invention group III should be examined with the invention group I (and similarly groups II and IV) since they are corresponding apparatus and method claims and the examination of these groups I and III together does not place undue burden on the Examiner due to the same search area.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

The Examiner also requires an election among different species. This requirement is respectfully traversed since they conflict with the restriction requirement and do not make sense in light of the restriction requirement.

In the alternative, Applicants point out that the elected invention group III is directed to species of Figs. 4-5, with all claims 11-14 being generic to the two sub-species identified by the Examiner.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Reg. No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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